

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEQUOT LAKES CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020  
PEQUOT LAKES CITY HALL**

**Members Present:** Mayor Tayloe and Council Members Pederson, Seils and Swanson attended in person. Council Member Akerson attended virtually via Zoom.

**Staff Present:** Angie Duus, City Clerk/Treasurer, Eric Klang, Police Chief; Police Officer Michael Davis; and Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Assistant attending in person.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Tayloe called the special meeting of the Pequot Lakes City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

**COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Mayor Tayloe opened the public hearing regarding the potentially dangerous dog situation.

Chief Klang provided the introductory and background comments on the case. He explained to the Mayor and City Council that they are going to be tasked with making a determination on whether or not this dog is going to be considered a dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog. He stated initially the dog was claimed or deemed as a potentially dangerous dog.

Chief Klang stated that on August 4, 2020, the Pequot Lakes Police Department responded to the call and on August 10, 2020 subsequently issued a potentially dangerous dog notice to Todd Lynes.

Chief Klang stated that he is going to give you the facts and he has no determination whatsoever on what the decision will be. He stated he is just here to let you know what happened with the facts and that the City Council is going to be kind of a jury in this matter. He stated that they will make the determination after everything is presented and after hearing from both sides. He stated that the Council will hear Mr. Lynes, the dog's owner; and Michael Davis, the officer who was on the scene.

Officer Davis gave an overview of the report that was on file. Officer Davis did not feel threatened at the time of the original call. Officer Jorgens gave an overview of what had happened at the time of paper service. However, Officer Jorgens did experience both dogs in the home acting aggressively, neither attacked but he backed away to his vehicle.

Mr. Lynes explained that he had asked the children to leave his yard. After the children left is when the dog fled to the street. Mr. Lynes stated Zaeda has gone through obedience training. Chair Tayloe asked if there is anything that can be done with the underground fence. Mr. Lynes explained that he did find out after the fact that the battery in Zaeda's collar was dead and changed the battery immediately.

Council Member Pederson asked Chief Klang if the small dog was on a leash and on a public street. Chief Klang did say the small dog was on a leash and on the street. He also inquired about the Minnesota statute included in the packet.

Chief Klang stated Mr. Lynes will need to microchip the dog and hang "Beware of Dog" signs on his property if the dog is deemed dangerous.

Mayor Tayloe closed the public hearing. Discussion ensued regarding the potentially dangerous dog situation.

**COUNCIL MEMBER AKERSON MOVED TO OVERRULE THE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION. COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0. COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS OBSTAINED.**

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, **COUNCIL MEMBER AKERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN. COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Peterson  
Administrative Assistant



James Tayloe  
Mayor